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# THE DEVELOPMENTS IN EGYPT

# I. Current Status

- A. After month of feverish maneuvering, appear to be about where we began in two major aspects.
  - 1. Revolutionary Council in top position.
  - 2. Nagib a weakened figurehead apparently ill man.
- B. However, three new factors in situation:
  - 1. Political parties, especially Wafd and Moslem Brotherhood restored hopes.
  - General rise of extremists and opportunists civil,
     military over-all loss of prestige by military.
  - 3. More popular frustration over postponement of civil government.

## II. Prospects

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A. Until Nagib-Nasr struggle resolved no peace, no hope for any constructive business. No real reconciliation appears

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- B. Nagib on decline physically and prestige-wise.
- C. Rise of Nasr poses a new problems of military dictatorship.

  Revolutionary Council not really popular.
- D. If Nas absolutely firm y established in power, intelligence reports indicate he will make great effort to settle Suez issue.
- E. Absolute power also would restore control of terrorism and permit Britain to approach conference table.
- F. Latest British proposals, if presented with some give and take, could probably be accepted and sold to Egyptian peopel as unconditional evacuation.
- G. Only after that can approach be made to deep economic problems.